

Columbus Calling



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Summer never lasts as long as you want it to. By the time you read this, you'll be well into the hazy, lazy days, and the season will be gone before you know it. That means you're running out of time to make plans to attend our industry's most important event. Of course, I'm talking about Gear Expo (October 24–26) and the AGMA Fall Technical Meeting (October 22–24), both of which will take place in Columbus, OH.

The Fall Technical Meeting (FTM) will include 27 presentations over three days, with a focus on some of the latest research and development related to gears, including topics such as efficiency, lubrication, noise, manufacturing, inspection, design, materials, heat treatment, gear wear and failure. More importantly, the FTM gives you the opportunity to meet and speak with the authors themselves, along with colleagues interested in the same subjects. Not only does this allow you to learn about the latest technologies, processes and techniques, but it also gives you the chance to ask questions and better determine how and why these presentation impact your own business and operations.

If the FTM were the only thing offered in Columbus in October, it would be well worth your time, and I'd urge you to go. But fortunately for us, the FTM precedes and overlaps with Gear Expo, making the trip to Columbus crucial for anyone who is serious about doing business in the gear industry.

Gear Expo is a unique biennial event, unlike anything offered or available anywhere. On the exhibition floor, you'll have access to all of the industry's important suppliers, including ourselves. If you're looking for a new hobbing machine, you'll find more than 15 suppliers to choose from. Looking for shaper cutters? More than a dozen suppliers are waiting for you. And the list goes on. In all, more than 225 exhibitors will occupy the Greater Columbus Convention Center. And if you happen to be a gear buyer instead of a gear manufacturer, I have even better news for you. More than 50 exhibitors are suppliers of gears and gear drives, ranging from suppliers of one-off commercial gears all the way up to high production automotive, aerospace and aircraft gearing.

Where else can you find this much gear-related knowledge and experience gathered under one roof? At Gear Expo, you have the opportunity to meet not only with your suppliers' salesmen, but also their manufacturing engineers, machine tool designers, service and installation engineers and many others, including experts in cutting tools, fixtures, grinding wheels, inspection and all other aspects of gear manufacturing.

Still not convinced? There's more. Gear Expo is also held in conjunction with the ASM Heat Treating Society Conference & Exhibition, which includes another 200 suppliers of furnaces, ovens, heat treating services and related equipment.

On top of all of that, we'll be hosting a live version of "Ask the Expert" in Booth #1022. Sessions will be held on Tuesday, October 24 and Wednesday, October 25, twice daily (at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.). This is a unique opportunity for you to present your problems and questions to the leading experts in the world of gearing and to get the answers needed for your future success.

If you haven't been to a Gear Expo recently, you'll be surprised by how much it's grown and how much is available. And if you've never gone, you've been missing out. This year promises to be one of the best shows ever.

So no more excuses. You're going to the show. It's too important to miss.

